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Report on MAS (14 pp; German; [REDACTED]

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The first part, four pages, dated 10 December 1951, is a general report on the MAS (Agricultural Machines Lending Station). This report includes introduction and history of the MAS, general development in the years 1950 and 1951, production statistics, fuel consumption of machines used by MAS, and manpower problems.

At the end of 1951, the MAS owned 10,834 tractors, but an insufficient number of ploughs. The number of binders at that time was 4,383 and of threshing machines 7,072. Trailers at hand were 2,898 which is considered an insufficient quantity.

A total of 1,644,000 hectares of middle ploughing was done by MAS tractors during 1951. An average of 162 hectares per tractor. Per hectare of field work, 27.2 kilograms diesel fuel was used, which is a saving of 10 percent over the amount used in 1950.

There was an over-all manpower shortage of tractor operators and truck drivers. This is partially due to lack of adequate housing facilities.

The next part, two pages, dated ~~XXXXX~~ 17 March 1951 and 22 January 1951 respectively, are two memoranda on the tractor prices and tractor deliveries under the Five-Year Plan. Tractors of 30 HP, 40-45 HP, and 60 HP are included.

The third part, eight pages, dated 29 December 1950, is the text of the four provisions for carrying out the law of the MAS.

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